THE PROTEST of the underſigned *BURGESSES of the BOROUGH of WARWICK*, in Oppoſition to the Reſolutions which were paſſed, at a Meeting, held December the 21ſt, at the Courthouſe in Warwick, in Order to take into Conſideration, the Propriety of Inſtructing the Repreſentatives of the Borough, on the Subject of the Bill, now pending in Parliament, for increaſing the Aſſeſſed Taxes.

WE, the underſigned *Burgeſſes* of the Borough of Warwick, think ourſelves particularly called upon, to declare, in the moſt public Manner, our *Diſſent* from the Reſolutions, paſſed at a Meeting of the Inhabitants, held at the Courthouſe in Warwick, the 21ſt Day of December, 1797; becauſe we conſider it an indiſpenſable Duty incumbent upon us, to vindicate our Characters from the Imputation of acceding to Opinions, and Principles, which we totally condemn.

WE OBJECT to the ſaid Reſolutions, for the following Reaſons: firſt, becauſe we think they are mere vague Aſſertions, unfounded in Truth, or any Evidence of Fact; and, we feel ourſelves juſtified in ſaying this, in the fulleſt Confidence, that on a Compariſon of the Reſolutions, with the Liſt of the Aſſeſſed Taxes, as already Agreed to by the Houſe of Commons, it will unanſwerably appear to be untrue, that the higher Claſſes of Society are ſcandalouſly favoured, whilſt the inferior Orders are unfairly, and hardly treated.

WE DISSENT from the Reſolutions, ſecondly, becauſe they are conſidered by us of a very dangerous and miſchievous Tendency, in as much as they bear ſtrong marks of being a diſguiſed attack upon the Principles of that Conſtitution, which we feel it equally our happineſs to poſſeſs, as it is our Duty to defend; for under its Protection, every Britiſh Subject enjoys an equal and impartial Share of Liberty, combined with the moſt perfect Security to perſonal Property. And We *diſſent* from the Reſolutions, becauſe we ſhould be aſhamed to be ranked in the Number of thoſe Factious Men, who think the Criſis of the moſt imminent Public Danger, the moſt fit Occaſion, to endeavour to impede the Operations of the Executive Government, when at the preſent Moment, it muſt neceſſarily be ſo fully and ſo anxiouſly engaged in Endeavours to repel thoſe great and impending Dangers with which we are threatened.

WE are glad to have an Opportunity of declaring to our Countrymen that we place the moſt perfect Reliance on the Wiſdom of Parliament, that not loſing Sight of the great Object of National Safety and Protection, the General Intereſt of the Public will be promoted, in a Manner the leaſt burthenſome to any particular Claſs of Society. It may not be improper to add, that the Account publiſhed of the Tranſactions at the Meeting is fallacious, for by it, thoſe who were not pre-

ſent might reaſonably ſuppoſe, that the Reſolutions were paſſed with the General Concurrence of the Meeting; the Fact is very Different; for the Meeting, having been improperly called of the *Inhabitants* at large (many of whom as well as Numbers of the Burgeſſes themſelves are not in any Shape whatever affected by the Operation of the Aſſeſſed Taxes), it was far from being generally attended; and cannot, therefore, with any degree of Candor be conſidered as the proper Mode, by which the real Sentiments of the Borough of Warwick can be aſcertained: It is a Fact which cannot be denied, that the Mayor, who was in the Chair, as well as ſeveral other Perſons, not only Publicly expreſſed their decided Oppoſition to the Reſolutions, but actually divided againſt them.

WE know that we are engaged in no common Conteſt; for every Intereſt which Man can feel, it now becomes our Duty to protect; our Honor, our Property our Liberty, and our Religion: And we have to decide, whether to protect the Britiſh Freedom or to become the Slaves of France; the Rulers of which have no ſcrupled to declare, that the Britiſh Conſtitution and the Republic of France canno exiſt together; but that the one muſt be eſtabliſhed on the Ruins of the other. A ſuch a Time, we conſider it to be the bounden Duty of every Man, who is conſciou that he poſſeſſes a loyal Heart to his beloved Sovereign; and a warm Attachmen to the true Intereſt, of his Country in *Church* and *State*; to prove himſelf the firm an unalterable *Oppoſer* of Republican Principles, and of all thoſe Perſons, either foreig or domeſtic, who, by ſupporting them, aim at the deſtruction of that happy Con tution, which, as *Britons*, we know how to value; and which, as *Britons*, we w maintain and defend at every poſſible Riſque of Life and of Fortune.

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